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For: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR PROVIDING
MULTIPLE SERVICES FROM ANY SLOT IN A
SONET SYSTEM HAVING MULTIPLE SLOTS

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FORMAL REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action issued on May 14, 2004, a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith. In the RCE, the Reply After Final of August 25, 2004 is being entered.

However, Applicants formally request an interview with the Examiner, before any action is taken with respect to the Reply of August 25, 2004. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Jason W. Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) at the telephone number of (703) 208-4011 in order to schedule such an interview before an Office Action is issued in this application.


Conclusion


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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